

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and a concern for others, these attributes are found in members of the Volunteer Fire Service such as Steve Gunderson, who has been a faithful member of the Baltic Volunteer Fire Department and is retiring after 40 years of selfless and dedicated service; and,

Whereas, Steve, being born and raised in Baltic, South Dakota, understood the importance of service to his community so he began his career as a school teacher in Baltic in 1974 and has been a mentor and advisor to thousands of students during that time, and he has always kept an eye out for students he felt could help the Fire Department in a time of need, instilling the values of providing community service; and,

Whereas, Steve began his career with the Baltic Volunteer Fire Department in August 1976 and has been one of the most dependable members of the Department for the past 40 years where he has been "counted on" by members to get equipment to the emergency scene and he has spent countless hours completing training, attending and planning meetings, fundraising for equipment, and responding to emergency incidents, always willing to lend a hand when needed; and,

Whereas, Steve has been a lifelong member of the Baltic community as both a teacher and a volunteer fireman, and on September 16, 2016, Steve will retire from the Baltic Volunteer Fire Department to enjoy more time with his family; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2016, as

STEVE GUNDERSON DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State